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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO CLERIDES TRIP

1. SUMMARY: NEWS OF CLERIDES' TRIP TO U.S., HIS TWO-HOUR  
MEETING BEFORE DEPARTURE WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS REGARDING  
TRIP'S OBJECTIVES, AND IMPENDING CALL ON SECRETARY-DESIGNATE  
VANCE, HAS DRAWN PREDICTABLE SPATE OF COMMENT IN GREEK CYPRIOT  
PRESS. PRO-MAKARIOS AND LEFT-WING PRESS HIGHLY CRITICAL BOTH  
OF CLERIDES AND USG FOR "SCANDALOUS INTERFERENCE" IN INTERNAL  
CYPRUS AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY.  
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2. COMMUNIST WEEKLY DEMOKRATIA JANUARY 17 NOTED THAT  
CLERIDES AND HIS DEMOCRATIC RALLY PARTY DIFFER SUBSTAN-  
TIALY FROM GOC IN POLICY AND TACTICS. PAPER QUESTIONED  
ADVISABILITY OF CLERIDES-MAKARIOS MEETING PRIOR TO  
DEPARTURE AS CLERIDES WAS CARRYING OUT TOUR SOLELY AS

LEADER OF PARTY WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF GOC.  
PRO-MAKARIOS DEMOKRATIKI ALSO STRESSED UNOFFICIAL NATURE  
OF TRIP AND WARNED READERS THAT CLERIDES MIGHT TRY TO  
PROMOTE WESTERN VIEWS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND GAIN  
POLITICAL ADVANTAGE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS PARTY FROM ANY  
DEVELOPMENTS FAVORABLE TO CYPRUS FROM NEW AMERICAN  
INITIATIVES.

3. ALSO ON JANUARY 17 PRO-CLERIDES WEEKLY ALITHIA  
EMPHASIZED GREAT IMPORTANCE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC  
CIRCLES ATTACH TO TRIP AND REPORTED CLERIDES IS VISITING  
WITH SOME PERSONS AT THEIR INITIATIVE AND INVITATION,  
INCLUDING CYRUS VANCE, "WITH WHOM HE HAS FRIENDLY RELA-  
TIONS AND WHO PERSISTENTLY ASKED TO MEET HIM." IN  
EDITORIAL, PAPER CALLED TRIP "BEST OPPORTUNITY  
WE HAVE TO ACHIEVE THE MOST POSSIBLE PROVIDED THAT WE  
ARE PRUDENT AND ESPECIALLY REALISTIC."

4. JANUARY 18 PAPERS CONTINUED THE PRO AND CON DISPUTE.  
PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI APPLAUDED CLERIDES' TRIP WHICH  
HE HAD "RIGHT AND DUTY" TO UNDERTAKE. PAPER CONCLUDED CLER-  
IDES IS ONE OF CYPRUS' POLITICAL ASSETS AND SHOULD NOT GO  
UNUSED OR BE SQUANDERED. PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA STRESSED  
CLERIDES-VANCE MEETING WOULD BE "MERELY A PROVOCATION TO CYPRIOT  
PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERSHIP." CLERIDES "REPRESENTS NOTHING  
MORE THAN THE MINORITY OF VOTES HE RECEIVED IN LAST  
SEPTEMBER'S ELECTION." APPARENT AMERICAN PREFERENCE FOR  
HIM "EXPOSES THE NEW AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL FORCE  
THE CYPRIOTS TO VIEW IT WITH GREATER RESERVE AND DISTRUST."

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5. PRO-MAKARIOS ANEXARTITOS CAPPED THIS CRITICAL THEME  
WITH HEADLINES "SCANDALOUS INTERFERENCE... THE AMERICAN  
PREPARED THE CLERIDES TRIP...INTERFERENCE WITH CYPRUS  
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS."  
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